

COVID-19 Guidance for Performing Arts and Entertainment, Beyond the Blueprint

On Tuesday, June 15, 2021, capacity restrictions and other industry requirements under the color coded risk tiers were lifted. Some limited exceptions are still in place for [Mega Events](#).

COVID-19 in the Community

COVID-19 is still causing illness and hospitalizations in Sacramento County. Variants of COVID-19 continue to pose a significant risk.

Vaccinations, sanitation measures and face coverings have helped reduce the spread of COVID-19, but businesses and customers need to remain vigilant.

Face Coverings (effective March 1, 2022)

Masks are **required for all individuals (vaccinated and unvaccinated)** in the following indoor settings:

- [Public transportation](#)
- Indoors in [K-12 schools](#) and [childcare](#) (through March 11, 2022)
- [Emergency shelters](#) and [cooling/heating centers](#)
- [Healthcare settings](#)
- State and local [correctional facilities and detention centers](#)
- [Homeless shelters](#)
- [Long Term Care Settings and Adult and Senior Care Facilities](#)

Masks are **strongly recommended** for **all individuals regardless of vaccine status** in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public)

Surgical masks or higher-level respirators (e.g., N95s, KN95s, KF94s) with good fit are highly recommended. Refer to CDPH [Get the Most out of Masking](#) and see [CDPH Masking Guidance Frequently Asked Questions](#) for information about types of masks, the most effective masks, and ensuring a well-fitted mask.

Refer to [CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Masks](#) for more information.

No person can be prevented from wearing a mask as a condition of participation in an activity or entry into a business.

Prevention Measures

To continue reducing the spread of COVID-19 within the community, the following prevention measures are still highly encouraged:

- ☐ Review CDPH's [ventilation tips for reducing COVID-19 risk indoors](#)
- ☐ Encourage social distancing where lines and gatherings might occur
- ☐ Consider keeping tables spaced at least 6 feet apart
- ☐ Provide hand sanitizer for public and worker use
- ☐ Use an approved sanitizer to wipe down surfaces throughout the facility on a routine basis
- ☐ Be sure that all handwashing sinks are always stocked with liquid soap and paper towels
- ☐ Watch for [symptoms](#) of COVID-19, especially following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19
- ☐ Refer to California Department of Public Health (CDPH) [Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine for the General Public](#) for additional information about isolation for persons testing positive for COVID-19 and quarantine for persons who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19 (unvaccinated and vaccinated).

Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine for the General Public

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Mega Events

Mega Events are defined as events drawing greater than 1,000 (indoors) and 10,000 (outdoors) attendees. CDPH has issued guidelines for Mega Events. For further information, please refer to [CDPH Beyond the Blueprint Guidance](#).

Indoor Mega Events (1,000 attendees) - Vaccination verification or negative test result is strongly recommended.

- If implemented, venue and event operators are strongly recommended to not use self-attestation as a mode of verification but rather use verification options for providing proof of vaccination in the [CDPH Vaccine Record Guidelines & Standards](#).
- All businesses and venue operators should check the identification of all attendees age 18 and over to validate their vaccination record or proof of negative test.
- Acceptable identification is any document that includes the name of the person and photograph.
- Attendees are strongly recommended to wear masks and should follow [CDPH Guidance for Face Coverings](#). Refer to [CDPH Get the Most Out of Masking](#) for more information on getting the best fit and filtration for masks.
- Information should be prominently placed on all communications, including the reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure guests are aware that the State strongly recommends that they be fully vaccinated or obtain a negative COVID-19 test prior to attending the event.
- Venues should consider making masks (preferably respirators) available to attendees upon request.

- No physical distancing restrictions for attendees, customers and guests.

Outdoor Mega Events (10,000 attendees) - Verification of fully vaccinated status or pre-entry negative test result is recommended for attendees.

- If implemented, venue and event operators are recommended to not use self-attestation as a mode of verification but rather use verification options for providing proof of vaccination in the [CDPH Vaccine Record Guidelines & Standards](#).
- Follow current [CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#)
- Information will be prominently placed on all communications, including the reservation and ticketing systems, to ensure guests are aware that the State strongly recommends that they be fully vaccinated or obtain a negative COVID-19 test report prior to attending the event.
- Venues should make masks available masks to attendees upon request.
- No physical distancing restrictions for attendees, customers and guests.

Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards (ETS)

The [COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards](#) are still in effect. The workplace standards were updated in December 2021 to include minor revisions to be more consistent with CDPH and federal OSHA. In addition to these requirements, employers must follow public health orders on COVID-19. More information on the COVID-19 Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards is available in [Cal/OSHA's Fact Sheet](#).

In December of 2020, the Governor issued [Executive Order N-84-20](#), which states that the recommended **isolation and quarantine** periods in the ETS (also called “exclusion periods” in the ETS) will be **overridden** by any applicable isolation or quarantine recommendation by the CDPH.

March 1, 2022: The Governor issued [Executive Order N-5-22](#) which aligns the ETS with CDPH for face covering requirements.

Control Measures

- ☐ Recommend frequent handwashing and use of hand sanitizer. Assign staff to regularly check soap and paper towel dispensers are stocked and functional. Keep extra batteries available for motion sensing dispensers.
- ☐ Consider disposable glove use which may be helpful to supplement frequent handwashing or use of hand sanitizer.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- ☐ Perform cleaning of high traffic areas such as lobbies, halls, and areas of ingress and egress including stairways, stairwells, handrails, and elevator controls.
- ☐ Frequently disinfect commonly used surfaces including doorknobs, toilets, handwashing facilities, and seating areas.
- ☐ Establish frequent cleaning and disinfection of personal work areas such as desks and cubicles and supply the necessary cleaning products.
- ☐ Consider discouraging the sharing of performance items, whenever possible.
- ☐ Avoid sharing work equipment and supplies, such as phones, office equipment, computers, etc., wherever possible. Never share personal protective equipment (PPE).

- Where such items must be shared, disinfect between shifts or uses, whichever is more frequent, including the following: shared office equipment (copiers, fax machines, printers, telephones, keyboards, staplers, etc.) with a cleaner appropriate for the surface.
- Ensure that sanitary facilities remain operational and stocked at all times. Provide additional soap, paper towels, and hand sanitizer when needed.
- Consider providing hand sanitizer dispensers, touchless if possible, at entrances and contact areas such as meeting rooms, lobbies, and elevator landings.

Please note: For high touch surfaces where chlorine bleach may be used, the CDC recommends mixing 1/3 cup of chlorine bleach per gallon of water. Do not use scented bleach or “no-splash” bleach.

Resources:

- [Sacramento County COVID-19 Information](#)
- [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) Beyond the Blueprint for Industry and Business Sectors](#)
- [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\) Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings](#)
- [COVID-19 Cal/OSHA Prevention Emergency Temporary Standards](#)
- For business assistance information, contact the [Sacramento Business Environmental Resource Center \(BERC\)](#).
- [Sacramento County Environmental Management Department](#)
- CDC Guidance for [Vaccinated](#) and [Unvaccinated](#) People
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Questions

Questions about Mega Event planning, call Sacramento County Environmental Management Department at (916) 875-1944.

Sacramento County COVID-19 Hotline: (916) 875-2400

Cal/OSHA Consultation: (833) 579-0927

Summary of Revisions

8/10/2021: Initial version

8/26/2021: Updated number of attendees for Indoor Mega Event to 1000. Added vaccination/negative test requirements/recommendations for indoor and outdoor Mega Events.

9/7/2021: Added link to CDPH's ventilation tips for reducing COVID risks indoors and added "Entertainment" to the title of the guidance. Added testing must be conducted within 72 hours before the event start time and results available prior to entry to event or venue.

9/16/2021: Added phone number for Mega Event planning questions.

9/29/2021: Added face covering requirement in K-12 schools.

12/7/2021: Added children under 2 years of age are exempt from testing. Attendees 18 and older are required to show identification when showing vaccination/proof of testing documentation.

12/16/21: Added requirement for universal masking indoors statewide December 15, 2021 through January 15, 2022. Added testing requirement to shorten time from 72 hours from when **test result is received before entry to venue/event.**

12/21/21: Revised ETS adopted on December 16, 2021. The standards become effective January 14, 2021.

1/18/2022: Lowered threshold for Indoor Mega Event to 500 attendees and Outdoor Mega Events to 5,000 attendees. Removed effective date for requirement to show ID if over 18 for negative test. Updated end date for statewide mask mandate to February 15, 2022. Updated Cal OSHA ETS to new revision, effective 1/14/2022.

2/16/2022: CDPH Guidance for the Use of Face Coverings updated for universal masking only in specified settings and only unvaccinated persons are required to mask in in all indoor public settings. Fully vaccinated are recommended to continue indoor masking when the risk is high. Updated Mega Events to increase thresholds (1000 for indoor and 10,000 for outdoor). Removed links for Sacramento County Public Health Orders, these have been rescinded.

3/1/2022: Updated universal masking indoors to strongly recommend and added effective date of 3/11/2022 for masking requirement for schools/child care. Masking is still required universally for the rest of the congregate settings. Removed specifics for Cal/OSHA requirements and provided link to website.

4/1/2022: Updated Mega Events to strong recommendation to require proof of vaccination or negative test for Indoor Mega Events (previously was required).